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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 9928 SENT SECSTATE INFO KUWAIT
JIDDA USUN NEW YORK DATED OCT 12.

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SUB: PERSIAN GULF RELATIONSHIPS

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1. AT CONCLUSION OF OCTOBER 11 AUDIENCE FOR OTHER AMERICAN
OFFICIALS, SHAH PRESENTED HIS WELL-KNOWN VIEWS ABOUT SECURITY
OF PERSIAN GULF, SUPER POWER RIVALRY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND
RELATED REGIONAL MATTERS. IN CONTEXT OF THESE REMARKS, INQUIRED
AS TO HOW HE THOUGH SAUDIS HAD BEHAVED AT RECENT MEETINGS
OF PERSIAN GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK. THE
SHAH REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT THE SAUDI POSITION HAD BEEN
QUITE REASONABLE. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT ALTHOUGH THE

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SAUDIS "PLAYED A TRICK ON US" AT OPEC, HE WAS ANXIOUS TO SEE

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES DEVELOP SATISFACTORILY.
HE STATED THAT THE GOI WILL PUT NO OBSTACLES IN THE
WAY OF AN IMPROVED DIALOGUE SINCE THE DEATH OF KING
FAISAL HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO KUWAIT, THE SHAH COMMENTED THAT ITS
POSITION AT THE PERSIAN GULF MEETINGS WAS FAR MORE
REASONABLE THAN IT HAD BEEN FOR "MANY, MANY YEARS". AS
NOTED IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL, THE SHAH ATTRIBUTED THIS CHANGE
IN KUWAITI ATTITUDE TO PRESSURE BEING APPLIED ON HER BY
THE IRAQIS, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GULF ISLANDS.
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